

SENATE RESOLUTION 112

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A RESOLUTION to urge the State of Tennessee to provide financial assistance to undergraduate students during their student-teaching experience in public schools in the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, all teachers licensed by the State of Tennessee are required to retain state mandated teacher certification; and

WHEREAS, highly qualified teachers are more and more in demand in order to provide an excellent education for the students of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, undergraduate students bear a great financial burden in pursuing teacher certification; and

WHEREAS, they must perform student-teaching in a manner that makes it almost impossible to work at other employment while completing the student-teaching requirements of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the success of this state's children, and hence its economy and the total welfare of its people, that this state's public schools are staffed with highly qualified and highly motivated teachers, and that this most important issue be addressed by the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this General Assembly expresses its unwavering support for an increase in funding in the form of financial aid assistance to undergraduate students during their student-teaching experience in public schools in the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby urge and encourage the Governor to include such an earmarked appropriation within the administration's General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2006-2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Phil Bredesen, Governor of Tennessee, and to the Commissioners of the Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Education.